

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A camera, comprising:

a camera housing;

a communication device, accommodated inside the camera housing, which allows radio communication with another unit; and

a non-communicating purpose component attached to the camera housing, said non-communicating purpose component being a conductive component insulated from the camera housing but not shielded electromagnetically, the non-communicating purpose component also serving as a radio antenna, operatively connected with said communication device and outputting and/or receiving radio waves to/from said another unit, and the non-communicating purpose component being disposed where the non-communication purpose component is not unconsciously touched by a user during a picture taking operation.,

wherein the non-communicating purpose component includes a lens tube for supporting a lens therein.

2. (Previously presented) A camera, comprising:

a camera housing;

a communication device, accommodated inside the camera housing, which allows radio communication with another unit; and

a non-communicating purpose component attached to the camera housing, said non-communicating purpose component being a conductive component insulated from the camera housing but not shielded electromagnetically, the non-communicating purpose component also serving as a radio antenna, operatively connected with said communication device and outputting and/or receiving radio waves to/from said another unit, and the non-communicating purpose component being disposed where the non-communication purpose component is not unconsciously touched by a user during a picture taking operation,

wherein the non-communicating purpose component includes a hot shoe to which an accessory is set, the hot shoe being attached to the camera housing through an insulating spacer and an insulating washer by a hot-shoe fixing screw.

3. (Previously presented) A camera, comprising:

a camera housing;

a communication device, accommodated inside the camera housing, which allows radio communication with another unit; and

a non-communicating purpose component attached to the camera housing, said non-communicating purpose component being a conductive component insulated from the camera housing but not shielded electromagnetically, the non-communicating purpose component also serving as a radio antenna, operatively connected with said communication device and outputting and/or receiving radio waves to/from said another unit, and the non-communicating purpose component being disposed where the non-communication purpose component is not unconsciously touched by a user during a picture taking operation,

wherein the non-communicating purpose component includes a reflector of a flash, the reflector being provided inside an opening formed in the camera housing.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Canceled)

6. (Previously presented) A camera, comprising:

a camera housing;

a communication device, accommodated inside the camera housing, which allows radio communication with another unit; and

a non-communicating purpose component attached to the camera housing, said non-communicating purpose component being a conductive component insulated from the camera housing but not shielded electromagnetically, the non-communicating purpose component also

serving as a radio antenna, operatively connected with said communication device and outputting and/or receiving radio waves to/from said another unit, and the non-communicating purpose component being disposed where the non-communication purpose component is not unconsciously touched by a user during a picture taking operation,

wherein the non-communicating purpose component includes a ring member provided inside a lens tube and surrounding a lens.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Canceled)

9. (Canceled)

10. (Canceled)

11. (Canceled)

12. (Canceled)

13. (Previously Presented) The camera according to claim 1, wherein

said communication device includes a high frequency module connected to said non-communicating purpose component by a high frequency cable.

14. (Previously Presented) A camera, comprising:

at least one member selected from a group consisting of a hot shoe to which an accessory is set, a reflector of a flash, a lens tube for supporting the lens therein, a ring member that supports the lens with respect to the lens tube, and a cover for a battery compartment provided at a bottom of the camera;

a communication device which allows radio communication with another unit, wherein

one of said at least one member is connected to said communication device as a radio antenna for outputting and/or receiving radio waves to/from said another unit, said at least one member is formed by a conductive component insulated from a camera housing, but not electromagnetically shielded,

wherein, each member of the group being disposed where said each member is not unconsciously touched by a user during a picture taking operation.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Previously presented) A camera, comprising:

at least one member selected from a group consisting of a hot shoe to which an accessory is set, a reflector of a flash, a lens tube for supporting the lens therein, a ring member that supports the lens with respect to the lens tube, and a cover for a battery compartment provided at a bottom of the camera;

a communication device which allows radio communication with another unit, wherein one of said at least one member is connected to said communication device as a radio antenna for outputting and/or receiving radio waves to/from said another unit, said at least one member is formed by a conductive component insulated from a camera housing, but not electromagnetically shielded,

wherein, each member of the group being disposed where said each member is not unconsciously touched by a user during a picture taking operation, and

wherein said at least one member is the hot shoe.

17. (Previously presented) A camera, comprising:

at least one member selected from a group consisting of a hot shoe to which an accessory is set, a reflector of a flash, a lens tube for supporting the lens therein, a ring member that supports the lens with respect to the lens tube, and a cover for a battery compartment provided at a bottom of the camera;

a communication device which allows radio communication with another unit, wherein

one of said at least one member is connected to said communication device as a radio antenna for outputting and/or receiving radio waves to/from said another unit, said at least one member is formed by a conductive component insulated from a camera housing, but not electromagnetically shielded,

wherein, each member of the group being disposed where said each member is not unconsciously touched by a user during a picture taking operation, and

wherein said at least one member is the reflector.

18. (Canceled)

19. (Previously Presented) The camera according to claim 14, wherein said at least one member is the lens tube.

20. (Previously presented) A camera, comprising:

at least one member selected from a group consisting of a hot shoe to which an accessory is set, a reflector of a flash, a lens tube for supporting the lens therein, a ring member that supports the lens with respect to the lens tube, and a cover for a battery compartment provided at a bottom of the camera;

a communication device which allows radio communication with another unit, wherein

one of said at least one member is connected to said communication device as a radio antenna for outputting and/or receiving radio waves to/from said another unit, said at least one member is formed by a conductive component insulated from a camera housing, but not electromagnetically shielded,

wherein, each member of the group being disposed where said each member is not unconsciously touched by a user during a picture taking operation, and

wherein said at least one member is the ring member.